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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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Saudi Arabia

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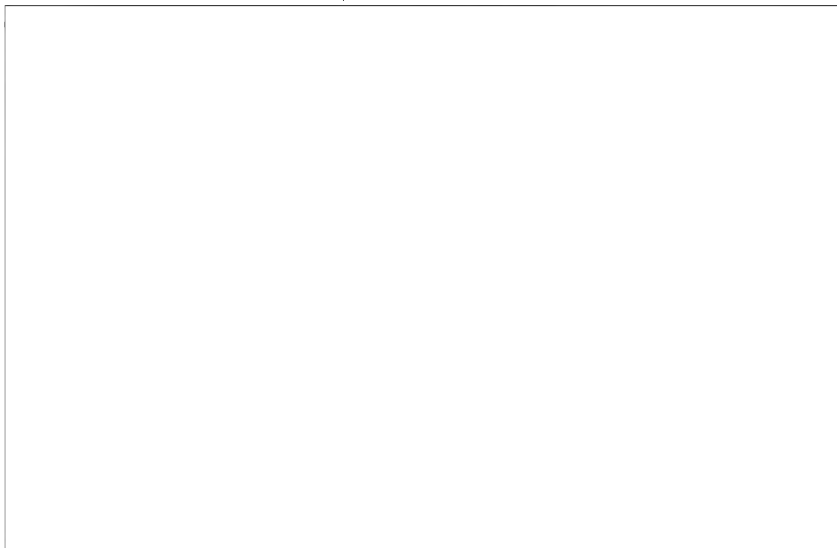
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EGYPT-ISRAEL-SYRIA

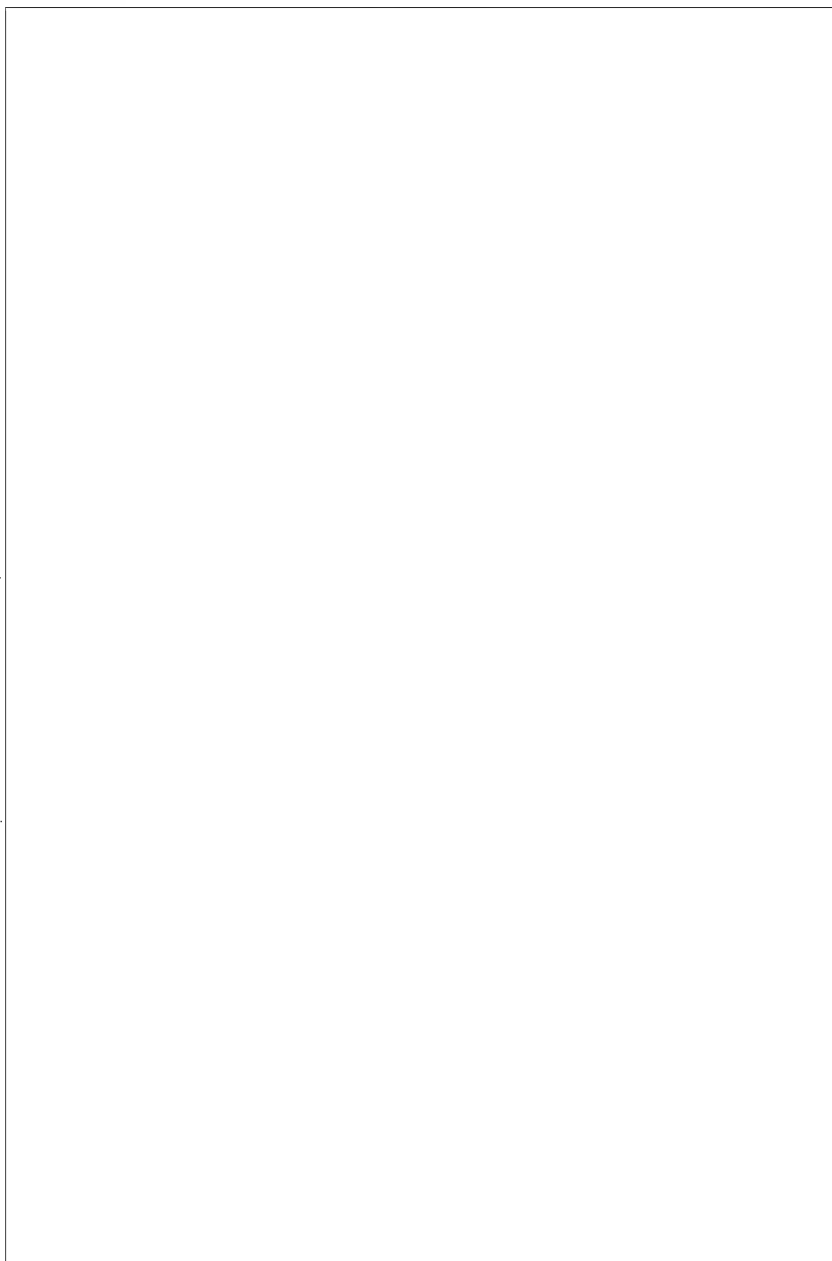
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EGYPT-USSR



ISRAEL-FEDAYEEN

Yesterday's fedayeen attack on the Israeli town of Qiryat Shemona is likely to elicit Israeli reprisals against fedayeen strongholds in southern Lebanon. Tel Aviv recently has avoided such reprisals lest they endanger peace negotiations, but probably will not allow political considerations to deter action in this case because of Israeli civilian casualties, including 18 killed and 15 wounded.

In the past, the Israelis have used a variety of means to strike at the fedayeen concentrations in border areas. Strikes into southern Lebanon usually have involved only ground forces, but on occasion have included helicopter assaults and air strikes.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command, a small terrorist group based in Lebanon, has claimed responsibility for the attack. Led by Ahmad Jabril, its members are among the best trained and operationally sophisticated of all fedayeen. They have been among the most successful of the terrorist groups in mounting operations striking directly at Israel.

The group is not among the constituent members of the Palestine Liberation Organization nor is it closely tied to any Arab government. It does, however, receive some financial and operational support

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LIBYA-EGYPT

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Qadhafi's colleagues attach the highest priority to restoring ties with Egypt, and they apparently are growing impatient with Sadat's continued coolness. Although Qadhafi has not fully complied with Sadat's preconditions for normalizing relations, he has curtailed support for some terrorists, initiated fence-mending with other Arabs, and cautiously probed the possibility of improved relations with the US.

Sadat probably will receive a "high-level Libyan envoy" reported by an Iraqi news service to be on his way to Cairo, but he is unlikely to give the envoy much beyond a polite hearing.

NOTES

USSR-Cuba: [REDACTED]

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Uganda: President Idi Amin may be losing control of the Ugandan Army to the factions that opposed him in the fighting which took place on March 23-24. Amin's opponents forced him to dismiss the acting army chief of staff, and are pressing him for further concessions. [REDACTED]

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